

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/475) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.

2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?
3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer:

One.

The Internal Review of the Significant Investor visa programme was commissioned on 7 March 2014. The report was provided to the government on 28 May 2014. It has not been publically released.

The review was conducted internally. The terms of reference were:

- Assess whether the current policy settings are conducive to the effectiveness of the programme;
- Identify measures to enhance the benefits of the programme;
- Examine options for improvement in application processing and service standards;
- Explore the feasibility of introducing a ‘national stream’ visa for investment migrants, free of State/Territory nomination requirement; and
- Consider options for the international promotion of the programme.

2. The cost was \$73 494 and involved the following staff:

EL	1.45
APS	1.2

3. The report has been completed. The department has been requested to explore a number of supplementary issues which are yet to be finalised.